



City of Santa Barbara  
**Infrastructure Financing Taskforce  
Meeting**

October 2, 2008  
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
Granada Garage Conference Room  
1221 Anacapa Street

**City Staff Members**

James L. Armstrong  
*City Administrator*  
Robert D. Peirson  
*Director of Finance*  
Christine F. Andersen  
*Public Works Director*  
Paul A. Casey  
*Community Development Director*  
Jill Taura  
*Budget Manager*  
Kathy Kefauver  
*Administrative Analyst III*  
Lori Pedersen  
*Administrative Analyst*

**City Council Liaison**

Roger L. Horton  
*Councilmember*  
*Finance Committee, Chair*

**Committee Members**

Richard Jensen, *Chair*  
Stephen Kurtzer, *Vice-Chair*  
W. Scott Burns  
Robert Geis  
Renee Grubb  
Dudley Morris  
Frank Schipper

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m.

**Members Present**

Chair Richard Jensen  
W. Scott Burns, Robert Geis, Renee Grubb, Stephen Kurtzer, Dudley Morris

**Members Absent**

Frank Schipper

**Staff Present**

Robert D. Peirson, Finance Director  
Paul Casey, Community Development Director  
Lori Pedersen, Administrative Analyst

**2. Public Comments**

None.

**3. Approval of minutes from September 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

It was moved to approve the minutes of September 4<sup>th</sup> with changes and September 18<sup>th</sup> as submitted. The motion was passed.

#### **4. Review of Report**

Discussion was held regarding the 2% efficiency and advisory ballot. Mr. Jensen talked about staff's resistance at the last meeting regarding these items. Mr. Jensen expressed that the intent of the recommendation is to make sure that capital has representation during budget discussions as there is no one assigned to speak for facilities. The Taskforce discussed possible changes to the recommendations and the order that they are presented. Discussion about the time frame for completing the recommendations was held and they proposed changing the years to 2-3. The Taskforce decided to recommend including the efficiency measure in the resolution and not a ballot measure.

Discussion about revising the recommended 5% of replacement value was held. The recommendation is to change from "book value" to "replacement value". The Taskforce felt that the change to "replacement value" was the key to this recommendation and that it should apply to all capital reserves. The 5% value was accepted.

The Taskforce discussed organization changes that are being recommended and concerns. The organization changes are being recommended to better support infrastructure issues and funding needs. The Taskforce felt the recommendation regarding changes in the waterfront area would allow discussions to occur at the appropriate level and the issues would be dealt with through that process. Additional discussion was held regarding the slip rate information and how to best show the data and bring attention to the misalignment.

The Taskforce talked about Parks and Recreation's expanded community service responsibilities and the impact on the department. Concern was expressed that while some services were being "subsidized" that programs for youth weren't able to expand to meet the needs.

#### **5. Discussion regarding October 21, 2008 presentation to Council**

Mr. Jensen asked for Taskforce members who would be interested in presenting at the October 21<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting. The Taskforce decided that Mr. Jensen and Mr. Morris will be the presenters. Mr. Kurtzer will not be able to attend the Council meeting.

Key elements of the presentation were discussed; revising the resolutions, defending capital needs, good and bad timing of this report, "pay as you go", invest in capital now before it gets more expensive and the success of Measures A and G.

The Taskforce talked about presenting this information in the community and how that would be accomplished.

Discussion regarding the City Council Finance Committee reviewing the recommendations was held and how that would change the time line for the implementation plan.

The Taskforce members thought the report was appropriate and they were comfortable with it.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.